

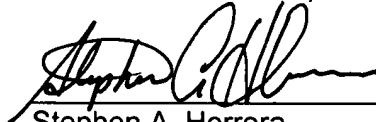
REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the patents to Cour and Duke, respectively. However, the Examiner indicated that claim 6 contained allowable subject matter. Therefore, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 19 to include the subject matter of claim 6. As amended, both claims 1 and 19 now include language that requires the flexible strap to include at least two longitudinally spaced grommets in each of the first and second ends. Claim 18 has been amended to now depend from claim 8. No new matter has been added.

In light of the amendments, Applicant believes the claims are now in condition for allowance, and therefore respectfully requests the allowance of all pending claims

Respectfully submitted,

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